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# CHINA MAY APPOINT PEACE COMMISSION.

Washington, Sept 5 -Within the last 25 hours the United States government has received from its repre contatives at foreign capitals much meterial information in regard to the attitude of the powers on the Russian proposal to evacuate Pekin These give the general nature of the respouses made to Russia by certain of the powers. It is stated authorita tively that if there was at any time a prospect of a serious international cleeb this has been very largely if not entirely removed by the harmonions character of the communications the several governments are making The exact nature of the responses is not made public by the state department, for there are yet some replies to be transmitted, and until all of them are in the negotiations are coneldered in such an incomplete form Lord Saliebury urging him to adhere to from this that France is the only that they will not be made public. It is said, however, that the answers go much beyond the tentative character of those heretofore referred to, and are of a conclusive nature, so far as showing the purposes of the governments, although they may not be regarded as conclusive in accepting or rejecting the particular proposiand somewhat argumentative, of whom favored peace. similar in this respect to the American responses This very fact is a cause for congratulation among offi ciale, as they point out that there is no disposition to treat the proposal with terseness or in any manner to give offense, but rather to bring the On the whole, the general tendency of the responses is to give entire eatisfaction here as to the course of the negotiations

The satisfactory progress of the negotiations along these lines has directed attention to the personality of the envoys, who will likely represent the powers and China in the tinal settlement. Mr Conger is re garded as eminently fitted for such a sek on the part of the United States, enpposing that each of the powers interested in the Chinese problem is to have a separate and individual representative. Mr Rockbill's name ie mentioned as an alternate in case Mr Conger does not care to remain

in Pekin, or to participate in the set If the present state of affairs in Chins is protracted until the arrival

there of Field Marshal Count Wal dersee, which should occur in about ten days or a fortnight, it is not to be doubted that the government of Germany will endeavor to have all the negotiations with the Chinese gov erament conducted through that official as a representative, not of Germany alone, but of all the pow ers urging the advisability of combined action through one agency as the best means of securing a speedy and generally satisfactory termina tion of the Chinese trouble

If there is any change in the military eituation since Gen Chaffee's dis patch, supposed to be of the 13th altimo, no word of it has reached Washington It is understood that disturbance and outrages upon mis sionaries continue in some of the districts outside of Pekin It is believed here-possibly because of these reports-that the foreign min- respectful word about Col. Hoyt because isters in Pekin probably will enter an of our long friendship for him. After earnest objection to any withdrawal his life record as a temperance man it of troops if their respective govern would be an injustice to him to put him ments delay action upon the Russian at the head of the whiskey business of proposal until they have had a the State. There is something inconchance to express their views.

to be actively furthering the negotia- into the whiskey business at this late tions for a settlement Persons like day. ly to have a correct understanding of sian proposal, but will be such a sat | bis friends call it isfactory middle ground that all the powers, including Russia, can agree Pekin, but be ready to act in case | past year.

of further Chinese depredations. In Powers are Divided another diplomatic quarter strong belief is expressed that the requisite compromise will be found by China's re establishing and naming peace commissioners Official informations have been reached Washington that steps are now being taken by China towards the appointment of such a peace commission. In that event it s believed by diplomatic officials that the entire status of the negotia tions between the powers might be changed and that Russia no longer would feel impelled to insist upon the withdrawal of her minister and troops from Pekin, as all these matters would be subject for the commission itself to deal with. It is pointed out also that in six days since the Russian and American notes were given to the world the sentiment has been growing steadily in favor of continuing the presence of troops at Pekin.

Meanwhile the policy of the United States has been such as to leave us entire freedom in our future action, save and except that we are committed to withdraw our troops from Pekin if Russia first withdraws hers

#### EARL LI'S DIPLOMACY.

London, Sept 5 -The Chinese min ister bere, Sir Chib Chea Lo Feng Lub, admits the correctness, in a general sense, of the cable message sent to him, according to Shanghai advices, by La Hung Chang in which the latter is quoted as saying :

"Our St Petersburg minister bas persuaded Russia to leave Pekin. You lacking in definiteness, although it is a portfolio well filled with papers. are useless if you cannot persuade England."

The Chinese minister here also says he has sent a powerful memorial to main there also It would seem allied forces from Pekin, as be, Sir Chigh Chea Lo Feng Lub, believes it ment The minister also said the Chinese people were sick of the war, that

Chinese government, whose authority remained entire and who were merely temporarily residing in the province of Shan Si

#### PARADED THROUGH FORBID DEN CITY.

Landon, Sept 6 .- Gen. Sir Alfred Gaselee, commander of the British Indian troops at the Chinese capital, wires as follows from Pekin, Aug. 29, to Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India :

"The allies marched through the Forbidden City yesterday (Aug. 28.) The British had third place in the procession, the Russians and Japanese being in greater strength."

### FEARS FOR MISSIONARIES.

New York, Sept. 5 .- The Protestant Episcopal Missionary society bas received a cable dispatch from Bishop Frederick R Graves, the bishop of Shanghai and the lower Yang Tee valley, in which he expressed some fear for the missionary interests if the foreign troops should be withdrawn, and also expresses decided distrust of Li Hung Chang.

## EXTERMINATING THE BOXERS.

Taku, Sept. 3 .- It is reliably asserted that native soldiery, acting under the orders of Li Hung Chang, are exterminating the Boxers in the provinces of Hu Non and Chi Li.

Four prominent Boxers were executed in Tien Tein coday. The French shot two and the Japanese beheaded the others

The executions have had a good moral effect.

### Getting on Hoyt's Blind Side

We have not said an unkind or dis | tions gruous about the idea. A. true friend The German foreign office appears of Col. Hoye will not force him to go

Col. Hoyt has passed his three score Germany's attitude look for the sug- years and has always borne testimony consult his colleagues and has noti gestion of a compromise of middle against whiskey and it would certainly course which will be neither an ac be a great outrage on him to make him ceptance nor a rejection of the Rus- head man of the "State barroom" as

President J C. Wilborn, of the sion carried on during the last few to it For instance, it is suggested Cotton Growers' Association, has adopt. days between the European cabinets. that Germany with propriety might ed the suggestion of the president of and that the compromise policy of suggest that a certain limit be fixed the Wheat Growers' Association that maintaining the occupation of the no the extent of the military detach the two associations should meet in capital, but withdrawing the greater herrible Ulcers that no treatment helped for ment to be left at Pekin, with an un Greenwood at the same time, and has part of the troops to Tien Tsin will deretanding that each small detatch issued a call to that effect. The wheat be found to have met general concurment confine itself to quarters so long grewers in South Carolina are enthusi- rence. se peace and quiet prevailed in actic over the result of their work the

# as to Leaving Pekin

Washington, Sept 6 -The latest expression as to he attitude of the powers an the evacuation of Pekin comes from the United States ambas. sador at Paris, Gen Horace Porter, who has advised the authorities here that the attitude of the French gov. ernment is favorable to the position taken by Russia. Almost simultaneously with this dispatch from Gen Porter came another from the American charged affaires at Berlin, giving the attitude of Germany on Russian proposal. This in substance states that Germany, while anxious to avoid friction between the powers, regards the conditions at Pekin such as to require the continued presence of German forces there. Neither Gen Porter or Mr Jackson gave the text of the answers

These two highly important communications bring the Chinese negotiations to a very advanced stage, though they are not yet concluded as all the answers are not yet in. The Austria favors remaining at Pekin. believed in the best posted quarters that if other nations remain at Pekin Japan will deem it expedient to retroops will remain or be withdrawn the answers to the Russian note.

from Pekin. await the consideration of the cabinet | trouble meeting tomorrow.

unchanged at Pekin. Gen Chaffee's desire to learn something of the personmessages make it clear that he for ality of Chinese notables whose names one is proceeding upon the under have been suggested as proper to constanding that the American troops stitute the Chinese side of any commiswill winter in China. The American sion which may be named to arrange contingent in the parade through the a settlement of the difficulties. Mr Wu imperial palace was small, probably is an ardent adherent of Earl Li. in conformity with an arrangement between the various commanders in mation from China today. Gen Chaf-Pekin that the force selected to make | fee got through a dispatch dated Sept. the demonstration should be limited | 1 at Pekin, indicating that couriers are in numbers in order that this might still employed to close the gap in the reduce the chance of looting. It is line of communication between Tien supposed here that it was also made Tsin and Pekin. This dispatch made to impress the Chinese people as a no mention of the military situation whole and not from any present and it was inferred that affairs in Pekin military necessity Some action of remain quiet. The dispatch warmly this kind appears to have been commended Col. Aaron S. Daggett for necessary in order to offset the gallantry in China and urged that he stories which were affoat in the be made a brigadier general before his southern Chinese ports to the effect retirement nine years hence. that the allies had been completely overthrown by the imperial troops and the Boxers, which stories were calculated to cause further uprisings Besides the demonstration at the palace may reduce the ill effects of The Ableville Medium shows its any withdrawals of troops from Pekin "friendship" for Col. Hoyt as follows : as a result of the present negotia

### KEEN SATISFACTION

London, Sept 7, 3 30 a m -Ger many's polite refusal to withdraw from Pel in is commented upon with keen satisfaction in London; and the hope is expressed that Lord Salisbury will show similar firmness. The British reply has not yet been formu lated Lord Salisbury desires to fied the foreign office of his intention to return to London from the continent early next week There is lit tle doubt, however, that Germany's reply is the outcome of the discus-

willingness to withdraw her troops provided an adequate guard is left for the legations and on condition that China formally requests evacuation and opens genuine negotiations for peace. Altogether appearances are more hopeful, and it is likely that when Field Marshal Count von Waldersee arrives a fortnight hence at Taku he will find the allies agreed

upon some common policy Chang Chu Tung, Wu Tang viceroy, has telegraphed an urgent appeal to the British consul in Shanghai urging Great Britain to institute peace negotiation. It is reported that 2,000 Boxers have been killed and wounded in conflicts with the troops of Gen Yuan Shi Kai, military governor of Shan Tung.

# Is the United States Planning New Move?

Washington, Sept. 7 .- Minister Wu arrived in Washington from Cape May late this afternoon and proceeded direct. ly to the state department. It is understood that he had received an intimation German and French answers, how- that the department officials were ever, clearly indicate alignment of desirous of conferring with him. For the powers It is generally accepted nearly an hour the minister was closetthat Germany's attitude in favor of ed behind locked doors with Acting remaining at Pekin will be concurred Secretary Hill and Assistant Secretary in by Itally and Austria. Definite Ades. None of the parties to the conword has been received here that ference was communicative as to the conference, but at its conclusion, Dr. The position of Japan is likewise Hill repaired to the White House with

ister's visit Acting Secretary Hill and er the eports of the English press as Assistant Secretary Adee had been engaged in short conferences and it was gathered that the negotiations relative the Russian proposal to withdraw the government to give concurrence to to China were approaching another the Russian proposition although the phase and that another pronouncement United States has expressed a of some kind was in preparation. When will pave the way to a speedy settle- purpose of following Russia's course the United States made its response to unless the other powers brought the Russian note on the 30th ulto. the about a modification of Russia's officials here expressed the belief that the genuineness of Li Hung's Chang's position Thus far Russia has not about a week's time would be required plenipotentiary powers was undoubted expressed any purpose of modifying to determine the next step and at the living in the Yamen at Tai Yuan Fu, and that Li Hung Chang was working her original position. It was stated end of that time it would be definitely in Shan Si province Fifty mission. tion advanced by Russia. The re in fall sympathy with the emperor, authoritatively today that Russia has known whether or not the troops are to aries have been slaughter in that Ya eponess are understood to be rather dowager empress and privy council, all not ordered the departure of her be withdrawn from Pekin. That period minister or troops from Pekin up to of time has now elapsed. The reports The minister added that he himself this time, so far as the United States from the European chancellories indicate was still in communication with the government is advised It is stated that, officially at least, this important also that no proposition has subject is being treated with the greatbeen presented, but that the question est deliberation and at least another is practically the same as when first week, and probably even more time, presented, namely, as to whether the may be consumed in framing the last of

Meanwhile our government has The receipts of the communications pretty well satisfied itself as to the from Berlin and Paris brought about attitude towards this last proposition of numerous conferences between the each and all of the powers interested president. Secretary Root and Acting in the Chinese problem. It may be Secretary of State Hill and also be that this knowledge is regarded as suffitween Mr Hill and Mr Adee. It was cient upon which to base another forgathered from these meetings that ward and, perhaps in this case, an another note was being prepared by independent movement by the United the United States, but the authorities States towards the ultimate withdrawal did not feel disposed to give an of the troops and the settlement with inkling as to its nature, and it is China which the government has had quite probable that its final form will in mind since the beginning of the

The consultations with Mr. Wu are The military situation remains believed to have been inspired by a

There was a dearth of official infor-

### WORKING FOR A COMPROMISE.

Paris, Sept 7 - Active pegotiations are in progress looking to some compromise arrangement with Russia regarding the position she has assumed towards Pekin. The communications exchanged between the powers now have better promise of success. The compromise suggested, it is asserted hero, is the withdrawal of the forces of all the powers in Pekin, leaving the international guard to protect the lega tions, which it is further asserted in Paris will be allowed to remain at the Chinese capital panding a peace settlement The main body of troops, it is also said, will retire to the neighborhood of Tien Tsin, heaving sufficient forces along the road to keep clear the railroad route between Pekin and Tien Tein. Russia's attitude is interpreted here as meaning that she will withdraw her troops outside the walls of Pekin but not necessarily a great distance trom that city

### Rad Hot From the Gun

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman, of 20 years Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured ons, Corns, Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure Japan has notified the powers of her | Sold by J. F. W. DeLorme, Druggist.

Favor the Burning of Pekin

#### American Woman Subjected to the Most Horrible Usage Before Being Tortured to Death.

Shanghai. Sept. 4 .-- Dispatches an nouncing that the American government refuses to agree to the withdrawal of the troops from Pekin before satisfaction for the outrages upon and the losses of its subjects is given, have been received here and are applauded by the entire foreign colony in Shanghai Any other policy, according to the business men and missionaries with whom the Associated Press representative has talked, would be a vital blow to the prestige of the foreigners and would weaken their status in China The English papers fiercely denounce the propo sals to evacuation as defeat The masses of Chinamen now believe that the Chinese arms are victorious.

The Chinese papers printed in Shanghai contain long circumstantial accounts of alleged Chinese victories at Pekin, Tien Tein and Lung Chou. and the shops in the native quarter dis play for sale 'urid pictures of the celestial army driving the European sol diers into the sea at Taku and cut ting them to pieces at Tien Tsin. They also show pictures of the foreign admirals being tortured in the pr ence of the viceroys. The people scept these reports as correctly For several bours preceding the min- representing the situation and consid-"mere foreign lies"

ropean community contin-The ues to mand the destruction of Pekin and the exemplary punishment of the officials deeming indemnity and paper promises of new treaties in adequate Undoubtedly the infor mation in detail of massacres of for eigners daily received inflames this men under her orders and practically in the presence of the viceroy. Three were beheaded in the inner court and the others were killed babariously in the outer court yard. Their bodies were thrown to the dogs.

The empress has ordered a commissioner to investigate the conduct of the southern viceroys who made a compact with the foreign consuls and their degradation is expected

The Associated Press represents tive learns from official sources the facts of the killing of several American woman missionaries At the request of the mission board the details were withheid out of regard for the feelings of the relatives of the murdered women, but other prominent Americans who have long antagonized the policy of sending women to isolated inland posts, think it im portant that the facts should be known The names of the victims are withheld by request Two of these women were captured while attempting to leave the stations where they were located, were led about the country naked, repeatedly outraged and finally killed by a method too revolting to be described. Two other American women were coming to the coast with a party which a number of Chinamen followed and stoned. The wemen fell ex hausted and were taken by the Chi namen into the presence of the local officials

execution block and a feint was made the hospital. of beheading them One of them became hysterical and laughed, and, bands burned and suffered from shock thinking her insane, the Chinese but none was seriously injured. escorted her to the coast because of their superstition regarding the in sane. On the journey, however, the the catastrophe. woman was repeatedly criminally assaulted by her escort. The other woman, after being exhibited naked for some days and suffering assault by several men, was tortured to death by the same shameful methods as were practiced in the other case. Two Swedish missionary women arrived at Shanghai after similar experience except that their lives were cent from 1890 to 1900

The foregoing are matters of official

The 14 English missionaries, including six women and four children, of Hartford, Conn , as 79 850, a gain who were murdered at Chu Chau, in of 26,820, or 50 10 per cent.: Fort the province of Che Kiang, accord ing to the story of a Spanish priest 29 47 per cent. who escaped, were killed with hay The population of Richmond, Va. is forks and ancient spears by the magistrate's bodyguard and their naked bodies were hanged from trees

These incidents make a lenient policy unpopular in Shanghai where all the victims had friends

commercial and missionary bodies are cabling protests to their governments The diplomatic and military officers, except the Russians, share this feeling

Li Hung Chang, since his understanding with Russia, has changed front towards the representatives of the other powers and has been insolent and almost insulting in his interviews with them.

Li Hung Chang has recommended the dowager empress to appoint the two southern viceroys who made the agreement with the consuls to keep order in their territories, the president of the trung li yamen and himself as a commission to treat with the powers. Li starts for Tien Tein in a week on a Chinese ship convoyed by Japanese warship.

Mr. W. W. Rockbill, the United States special commissioner, starts for Pekin Thursday.

#### LI ASKS FOR ESCORT.

London, Sept 7 .- A speudl dispatch from Shanghai says Li Hung Chang has made a request for an American escort to accompany him on his journey to Pekin and that United States Consul Goodnow is considering his request.

Now that a proposal more in conformity with the original American recommendation has apparently met with the approbation of at least a majority of the pewers, the British foreign office has allowed it to become definitely known that the British government is of the opinion that it is advisable for the allied forces to remain at Pekin until satisfactory arrangements for peace, etc, are concluded with the Chinese government.

London, Sept. 7-The London chamber of commerce has received a telegram from the Hongkong chamber of commerce with a request that it be communicated to the British foreign office, advocating a continuance of the occupation of Pekia until a proper government has been established and the guilty officials have been punished, and pointing out that an earlier withdrawal would be disastrous to foreign prestige

### Disastrous to Missions.

New York, Sept 4 -The Rev Dr Dodd, one of the secretaries for the Methodist Episcopal Missionary society. received the following cablegram from Shanghai today, signed "Central Chi-

"Protest government against evacuation of Pekin and recognition of Li Hung Chang. Both disastrous to mis-

Robert E Speer of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions received a number of letters from Presbyterian missionaries to China today. One from Samuel Cochran, dated Arima, Japan, Aug. 8, gives an account of the decapitation of nine missionaries near Hang Chow.

### Policemen Electrocuted.

St. Louis, Sept. 4 -Two policemen have been killed by electric shocks sustained while they were using the police telephone and 11 other officers injured in the same manner.

The men had gone to patrol boxes on their beats to call up headquarters When they touched the receivers they were knocked a distance of 10 feet, falling limp to the ground. Both died They were prostrated upon the half an hour after being conveyed to

The other 11 patrolmen had their

The crossing of an electaic light wire with the telephone circuit caused

### Charleston's Population.

Washington, Sept 4 .- The popula tion of the city of Charleston, S C . as officially appounced today is 55 807. In 1890 the population was 54,955.

These figures show, for the city as a whole, an increase of 852 or 1 55 per

The population in 1880 was 49,984. showing an increase of 4.971 or 9.95 per cent from 1880 to 1890

The bureau announces the population Wayne, 45.115, a gain of 9,722 or

85,050, a gain of 3,662 or 45 per

### Big Gift to Negro College.

Atlanta, Sept 4 - John D Rocke-Placards appeared today in all pub feller has made Spellman Seminary, a lie places exhorting foreig, ers to negro college of this city, a present of oppose a compromise with the gov \$180 000. The money has been put ernment and attacking Li Hung into the treasury of the American Baptist Home Museion society of New Reports received here from the York, which institution has charge of treaty ports show that the opposition the college. A new dermitery, a new to the allied forces evacuating Pekin diving ball, magnificent in all its before a final settlement with the appointments, a residence for the From Shanghai it reported that on earth. 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Chinese is arrived at is universal and faculty, a hospital and a heating and 3 intense among the foreigners. The light plant will be built.